



2015 Swan Island Events

All events are \$8 per person with 5yrs and under free; unless otherwise noted

All events meet at the Richmond parking area unless otherwise noted

All events occurring on the Island require a reservation; call 207-547-5322

Space may be limited!

www.Maine.gov/swanisland



April

Thursday April 30 Steve Powell's World of Wildlife: In Film & Photo

Time: 6:15pm – 7:30pm

Where: The Old Goat, upstairs lounge, 33 Main Street, Richmond

Fee: Free!

Place based historian Jay Robbins of Richmond shares information and media from over 11 hours of silent film and more than 600 still images documenting Steve Powell's experiences on Swan Island. We welcome you to learn about the Island's first biologist and gain some insight into its early years.

NOTE: Please arrive by 5:15 if you plan to have dinner first.

May

Saturday May 30 Free Fishing for Kids 15 and Under!

Time: 9am – 1pm **Space Limited:** First 30 people

Fee: Kids 15 and under are free!

Bring the kids for this great 'learn to fish' opportunity. All equipment, bait and tackle will be provided at no charge; and volunteer instructors will be on hand to assist. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

June

Thursday June 4 Evening Wildlife Tour

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm **Space Limited:** First 20 people

Join Swan Island staff for an evening wildlife sightseeing tour, to observe the abundant wildlife when they are more visible. Enjoy riding in our tour truck the length of the island through a variety of habitats. Dress for the weather and don't forget your camera!

Sunday June 21 Father's Day - Free Admission for Maine Residents

Time: All day on four scheduled ferry trips.

Fee: Free!

The history of Swan Island and surrounding communities are deeply intertwined, creating a profound sense of appreciation by area residents and visitors. Well...now we want to invite you to come see what the island has to offer! Hopefully you will then return to enjoy some paddling, camping, hiking, or wildlife viewing right in your own backyard.

The Tubbs-Reed house, filled with many artifacts, will be open to the public!

Saturday June 27 Paddle Tour to Little Swan Island

Time: 10:00am – 1:30pm

Bring your canoe or kayak to explore Swan Island while paddling the Kennebec River. This will be a great opportunity to see another perspective of the island and learn about the important wildlife interface between water and land. You might even see a prehistoric looking sturgeon leaping from the water! We will stop part way and have lunch at the campground.

This trip is suitable for beginners, but beware that the river is tidal, so portions of the trip could be "upstream" paddling. Be sure to have PFDs, paddles, canoe or kayak, lunch, water, bug spray, sunscreen, and binoculars or camera.

July

Saturday July 11 Boat Tour of Swan Island

Time: 9am – 11am **Space Limited:** First 40 people

Fee: Free!

Come enjoy some time on the water as we explore the shores of Swan Island. Dress for the weather, as it can be cooler and breezy on the water. Bring your camera and/or binoculars! Seating for 32 people - you can bring a chair.

Saturday July 25 Swan Island takes part in Richmond Days Celebration

Time: Ferry/truck tours at 9:15am, 11:15am, 1:15pm and 3:15pm from mainland

Fee: \$5 per person. 5yrs and under are free.

Each tour will leave the Swan Island landing in the island ferry and travel across the river for a 2 hour tour; returning directly to the dock.

Once back at the dock, you can join in many other Richmond Days festivities. Space is limited, so make sure you put your name on the list at the Friends of Swan Island booth located in the Island parking lot. For more information on Richmond Days visit www.richmondmaine.com.

The Tubbs-Reed house, filled with many artifacts, will be open to the public!

August

Saturday August 1 Annual Swan Island Field Day

Time: 8am – 4:30pm with a ferry every 15 minutes. No reservation needed. Have you ever considered trying a new outdoor activity or perhaps you want to expose your children to something new. This will be the day to put your hands on some archery equipment, an ATV, skeet shooting, .22 firing range, nature scavenger hunt, fishing, paddling, geocaching, and more! We'll provide the gear and space to help you or your child discover a new passion in the outdoors.

Saturday August 8 Build a Bird Box

Time: arrive for 9:15am ferry; will end in time for the 11:00 ferry - but can stay for later ferry. **Space Limited:** First 30 people

Please join the Swan Island staff building your own bird box. We'll explain a little about nesting birds while we build owl boxes and a turkey vulture platform for the island. Feel free to bring a lunch and explore the island on your own afterwards; leaving on a later ferry.

Saturday August 29 Morning Wildlife Tour

Time: 7:00am – 8:30am **Space Limited:** First 20 people

Join Swan Island staff for a morning sightseeing wildlife tour, to observe the abundant wildlife when they are more visible. Enjoy riding in our tour truck the length of the island through a variety of habitats. Dress for the weather and don't forget your camera!



September

Friday September 11 Historical Tour with Friends of Merrymeeting Bay I

Time: 9:15am to 1:00pm **Space Limited:** First 40 people

Step back in time with Friends of Merrymeeting Bay (FOMB) on their ever-popular historical tour of Swan Island. FOMB member and Friends of Swan Island president, Jay Robbins, will lead the tour to the unique, isolated island.

We'll go by ferry around to the east side campground. Here we'll split into two groups of up to 20. One group will take the truck tour and other group will have programming at the boathouse. Then groups will switch.

We'll leave from campground just before 1:00pm to return to Richmond landing. Folks can bring a snack or lunch, or eat in Richmond upon return.

Sunday September 13 Historical Tour with Friends of Merrymeeting Bay II

Time: 8:00am to 11:00am **Space Limited:** First 30 people

Second opportunity for September 11th event! See above for details.

Saturday September 19 Food Plots for Wildlife

Time: 8:00am to 11:00am **Space Limited:** First 30 people

More and more folks are creating native and natural food plots for wildlife. Mainers interested in starting their own food plot are encouraged to attend this informative workshop. Come learn the prep, locating, seed selection, maintenance, and benefits of food plots specifically for deer and plots for general wildlife. Providing food and forage for our wildlife can be accomplished in many ways and be a great family project. This is one way to make a conscious effort to give back to the wildlife we share our homes with.

October

Saturday October 3 Nature Scavenger Hunt

Time: 9am – 11am

Get your kids outdoors this fall to explore and hunt for nature's treasures. Feel free to bring a lunch and explore the island on your own afterwards and leave on a later ferry.

Saturday October 17 Pick Your Own Pumpkin

Time: All day on four scheduled ferry trips.

Spend part of a beautiful fall day exploring Swan Island; then leave with a pumpkin picked from our own patch. Come for just the pumpkin or come to explore. We have over 10 miles of hiking, a kids fishing pond, kayak rentals and more.